

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A system for look and feel on a Unix platform, comprising:  
a computer system having a graphical user interface (GUI);  
a plurality of icons for a component of said GUI that are distinct  
according to a selection property and an enablement property; and  
a software component executable on said computer system to  
override a plurality of default icons for said component.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said software component  
runs during initialization.
3. The system according to claim 1, wherein said component is a  
checkbox.
4. The system according to claim 3, wherein said checkbox has a  
selected property and an enabled property and is rendered on said GUI as  
a square filled with white and a black check inside said square.
5. The system according to claim 3, wherein said checkbox has a  
selected property and a disabled property and is rendered on said GUI as  
a square filled with gray and a black check inside said square.
6. The system according to claim 3, wherein said checkbox has a  
unselected property and an enabled property and is rendered on said GUI  
as a square filled with white.
7. The system according to claim 3, wherein said checkbox has a  
unselected property and a disabled property and is rendered on said GUI  
as a square filled with gray.

8. A method for look and feel on a Unix platform, comprising:
  - providing a plurality of icons for a component of a graphical user interface that are distinct according to selection and enablement properties; and
    - overriding a plurality of default icons for said component.
9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said selection property is an indication of user selection of said component.
10. The method according to claim 8, wherein said enablement property is an indication of whether editing of said component is permitted.
11. The method according to claim 8, wherein said component is a checkbox.
12. The method according to claim 8, wherein said checkbox is within a second component.
13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said second component is a table.
14. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:
  - providing a plurality of icons for a component of a graphical user interface that are distinct according to selection and enablement properties; and
    - overriding a plurality of default icons for said component.

15. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said component is a checkbox.
16. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said checkbox has a selected property and an enabled property and is rendered on said GUI as a square filled with a light color and a dark-colored check inside said square.
17. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said checkbox has a selected property and a disabled property and is rendered on said GUI as a square filled with a medium color and a dark-colored check inside said square.
18. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said checkbox has a unselected property and an enabled property and is rendered on said GUI as a square filled with a light color.
19. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said checkbox has a unselected property and a disabled property and is rendered on said GUI as a square filled with a medium color.